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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SERIAL NO: 09/926,146 :

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1761

FOR: STIRRED TANK FOR STORING  
YEAST SLURRY, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING FERMENTED  
FOODS SUCH AS BEER USING THE  
STIRRED TANK, AND STIRRING  
IMPELLER PROVIDED IN THE  
STIRRED TANK

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.